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Our Mammoth Fall and Winter Stock

Is Going! Going! Going!

FOLLOW THE CROWD AND YOU WILL GET THERE!

If you wish to see the very best in Standard Styles and Reliable makes,

Come to See Us!

If you wish to see the Latest Novelties and Newest Ideas for the Season,

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If you want Bargains that prove their worth in use; that look bigger out of the store than in,

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FAMOUS Dry Goods and Clothing House,

BOHNSACK & STRATMAN, Proprietors.

No. 1, Main Street.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

FROM ORAN.

Saturday evening last found our city without a drop of rain. Each merchant had sold his last pound—but you can find all you want here at this writing.

Chas. Bonneton, of Benton, visited friends here Tuesday.

David Metz will open a butcher shop in Oran soon.

J. W. Clemson is having considerable swamp land cleared up this fall.

Mrs. J. W. Clemson and two daughters are spending this week in St. Louis.

Dr. C. C. Harris was here Tuesday.

Miss Cooksey, of Diehlstadt, was here Tuesday.

Albert Crenshaw, of Charleston, has bought over 20,000 bushels of wheat at this place this season and there is more to follow.

A. J. Horn went to Louisville, Ark., to locate Tuesday.

The editor of the Newsboy was here Wednesday of last week looking hale, hearty and prosperous. He is a believer in good roads. If he will accept the office he should be elected president of the county court some of these days the appropriations for road purposes would be for the places most needed and no partiality be shown the swamp.

Fathers Brandt, of Charleston, and Kernans, of Jackson, were here Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Harris, Misses Emma Miller, Estelle Querry, Jimmie Nichols, Ida Pott, Allie Norman, Odie Taylor, Lucy Taylor and Mr. Caleb Matthews all took in the St. Louis Fair this week.

Miss Carrie Forrester and Miss Fannie Summers, accompanied by their friends, took in the show at Commerce Monday night.

There was a show here Monday night, but the proprietor not knowing our important relation to the Newsboy failed to send us a "comp" hence we did not attend and the show goes minus a "puff."

There was an effort made last Monday night to reorganize the Oran Literary society. A few of our citizens met at the school house and made arrangements for permanent organization next Monday night.

The subject for discussion will be: Resolved that slavery in the United States was a blessing to the negro.

Col. Newlin affirms, Judge Hale denies. Your scribe intends to do Rev. Nutt up in this discussion, the latter takes the affirmative side of the question. All who take an interest in such matters are invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

Rev. North is booked for this place for the ensuing year. If there is anything in a name he ought to secure a good Republican hearing.

Mr. Absher, the melon drummer from Diehlstadt, was here Monday.

Mrs. Bridger and mother, Mrs. Little, moved to the Cape last Monday.

Judge Hess went to Cairo last Monday.

Miss Clara Dirnberger is convalescent.

Timothy far for sale by Miller & Proffitt, Benton.

John Ashley is taking in the Fair at St. Louis.

Charley Stephens has a complete outfit for repairing and driving pumps.

Joe Wright and Elwood Alley have returned from their bicycle trip to Olney, Ills.

The epidemic of diphtheria is still on but not so bad as heretofore. Miss Clara Maddox, Miss Strouck and Claude Zundel being the latest cases reported. Miss Maddox is reported better at this writing. The school is still closed.

Misses Estelle Querry and Lora Forrester ride out every morning to their schools in the country.

The young ladies prefer horseback exercise to boarding away from home.

There were no preaching exercises here Sunday last, Revs. Reever and Kennedy both being absent. However, we have two good Sunday schools which are well attended and prayer meeting at the Baptist church every other Sunday is also well attended.

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Which has been Selected with Special Reference to Trade of this Locality, will probably surprise all who see it, by the extensive variety it affords in every line of goods we carry. If in **Cloaks**, the pick of the Market in Fresh **Fall and Winter** Styles, and no less astonishing will be the

ASTONISHING • LOW • PRICES

Put on them. Astonishing! Why? Because in the history of buying and selling we know of nothing to compare, in genuine cheapness, to this **Elegant Stock of Goods!** We, therefore, propose to inaugurate

THE RAREST BARGAIN SEASON

We Have Ever Presided Over.

You Must See these Goods!

Whether you buy or not, and it will give us great pleasure to have everybody price and examine Our Bargains, so that they may be convinced of our ability to make prices on Best Quality goods—the like of which is unprecedented.

"THE BEE" Store Co.,

Dry Goods, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Boots, Shoes,

Hats, Carpets, Rugs, Etc., Etc.

Fine Shoes a Specialty!

Cor. Independence and Spanish Sts.,

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Sikeston in the Dark.

The little city of Sikeston—the metropolis of Scott county and the wealthiest city of its size in the Southeast—is not altogether up to date. No town in the State has a better country surrounding it; neither is there a town more beautifully and conveniently located than Sikeston. Its residence buildings are a mass of architectural beauty, and its business concerns are thoroughly up to date, except in one particular—they are in the dark.

Sikeston should have electric lights. With a flowing mill running day and night, it seems to us that this much needed convenience could be supplied at a very small expense. Why, think of it! Even here in Benton the Newsboy office would have been lighted with electricity ere now had not the panic cut us down to two meals per day.

But, barring nonsense, the city of Sikeston can well afford electricity. At night the town is a horrible sight when compared with the inviting appearance it presents during the day. Electricity is not expensive. The cost is more imaginary than real. When we consider that every ordinary tub of a steamer upon the river can afford an electric plant, we wonder why cannot such a thrifty town as Sikeston?

The same argument will apply to Commerce. Both towns have ample steam power—and when you have the power, the dynamo does the rest. Give us light!

Something Behind It.

To our neighbor, who is making so much noise over an imaginary boom he is enjoying, we will say that it is usually the "jabberwink" with the least hay that brays the loudest. However, there is something behind it all. Mr. Smith had an object in attempting to make people believe that the Newsboy was losing subscribers and that his sheet was climbing the ladder of success.

It is a well known fact that for several weeks prior to the Fair the Cape Girardeau merchants advertised liberally in Scott county, and of course it is to their interest to patronize the paper that reaches the most people. Knowing that they had heretofore placed their announcements in the Newsboy, Mr. Smith tried to deceive them into patronizing his paper—but it was no go. The Cape Girardeau merchants are business men and are not governed by the reckless assertions of a circulation liar, but they feel the public pulse and in that way ascertain which is the proper medium through which to reach the people.

After a thorough canvass of the city Bro. Smith succeeded in getting a few small advertisements from lunch houses—where he probably succeeded in "bumming" them for a meal. He seems to make a specialty of advertising lunch houses and barber's shops. He is very fond of eating at someone else's expense—and he don't mind getting shaved on the same terms. As a professional deadbeat Mr. Smith is a howling success. If you happen to notice him going about wearing a pair of knee pants or a linen duster this winter, don't get alarmed. It will only be an indication that he has "settled up" with some of his advertisers, and that the unbecoming costume was all he could get.

—Joe Lynch, of St. Louis, of "OLD LYNCH RYE" fame, was in Benton on Friday of last week. Joe reports business increasing.

—As usual, Scott county was well represented at the Cape Fair this week.

—W. H. Heisserer is suffering from typhoid fever.

Oran On the Up Grade.

It has been but a few short years since the place now called Oran was known as a timber station and went by the name of Sylvania—it being in Sylvania township. However, Sylvania gained sufficient eminence to establish a postoffice, but, owing to the fact that there was another Sylvania in the State, the name was changed to Oran.

For several years staves, shingles, railroad ties, etc., were the principal products of the community, and it was generally considered that when the timber gave out the town would go down. But it is not so. Although there is yet much timber, there have been cleared up large and productive farms, which are being managed and cultivated by industrious and progressive farmers, and that community promises to be one of the wealthiest in this part of the country.

But there is one thing which we wish to have distinctly understood, and under no circumstances are we willing to be misunderstood: When we speak of our neighboring towns as being the best or among the best, we do so with the usual implied courtesy that "present company is always excepted." Always remember that Benton, the county seat—the town with the greatest prairie south of St. Louis—is the town, and don't you forget it.

Rising From Her Ashes.

When we consider the hard times and the scarcity of money, the progress Benton has made since the fire last fall is remarkable. Within one year our town has regained nearly all that was lost in the fire. Barring the mill, the buildings that have been erected since the fire, and those that are now under course of construction, are of more value and of much better appearance than those destroyed. While they are not so numerous, yet they are a much better class of buildings and cost more money. Most of them are two-story residence buildings and are quite an improvement over the old patched up shanties we had prior to the fire. Benton has a good country surrounding it, and its growth is not spasmodic. "We are here to stay" seems to be the unexpressed determination of every citizen, and the town booms.

Sandyland and Its Prospects.

South of Benton, and until we reach the Richwoods, we have a sandy soil such as is not to be found in every locality. In fact, such soil is scarce. Usually this portion of the county is devoted to watermelons, but owing to the unprofitableness of that crop last year quite an acreage of what was planted last spring. What is the result? We are not an expert farmer, but to judge from what everybody says, the Sandywoods is the only State in the Union that raised a surplus of corn.

As a garden spot the Sandywoods has no equal. Every variety of vegetables can be grown with but little attention. No professional gardener can exceed the results obtained by Mrs. Jesse Miller last season.

—Wm. Burgess at the Cape, can supply your every want in the way of dry goods, shoes, clothing, dress goods, wraps, etc. He is probably the oldest established merchant in Southeast Missouri, having sold goods in Benton before the war, and he knows how to please you.

—Our people are already making preparations for circuit court, and people who visit Benton need have no fear of going hungry.

—Want an 8-day Clock for \$3.50? Guaranteed by AL. CHENUE, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

—Buy your Jewelry and have your watch repaired by AL. CHENUE, the Jeweler, next to Postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Nature of the Brutes.

For the past three weeks the Newsboy has been advertising extensively in the way of tacking cloth posters on trees. Yesterday we received the following notice from Oran:

"You will have to go to the trouble and expense of putting up posters on the road between here and Benton as some miscreant tore down those you had up. I think I can put you onto the transgressor."

We are not at all surprised. It is in harmony with the every action of our opposition. It only shows that they are ignorant, uncultured and uncivilized. Many of them are the remains of the defunct Ku-Klux-Klan that for so many years terrorized the people of our county. They do not believe in legitimate competition. They do not believe in law and order. When anything does not go to suit them they immediately advocate "tar and feathers," "horse-whipping," "riding on a rail," or the like. If anyone doubts this let them examine the files of the Benton Record—their official organ.

Three weeks ago we had a man posting these advertisements through the lower end of the county. When he returned the next day more than half of them had been destroyed. The destruction was greatest in the neighborhood of Cross Plains. We refused to notice this uncivilized act. We treated the matter just as the action of heathens should be treated. Some of these fellows claim to be "sanctified," but it seems that they have not entirely severed their connection with the once famous K. K. K. That which is in the bone is difficult to remove from the blood. Probably they do not know that they violate a law when they destroy these posters, but if we succeed in getting the evidence against them we will attempt to advance them at least one step toward civilization.

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